



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5519

House of Representatives, April 9, 2014

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT INTERNSHIPS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Internship" means supervised practical training of a student
4 intern that is comprised of curriculum and workplace standards
5 approved by the Department of Education and the Labor Department;

6 (2) "Internship provider" means a person, as defined in section 1-79
7 of the general statutes, who contracts with a local or regional board of
8 education that operates an agricultural science and technology
9 education center, pursuant to section 10-64 of the general statutes, to
10 provide an internship to students enrolled in such agricultural science
11 and technology education center; and

12 (3) "Student intern" means a student enrolled in an agricultural
13 science and technology education center participating in an internship

14 offered or provided by an internship provider.

15 (b) No internship provider shall be liable to a student intern or a
16 parent or guardian of a student intern for civil damages for any
17 personal injuries that result from acts or omissions of such internship
18 provider offering or providing an internship to a student intern that
19 may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this
20 subsection does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross,
21 reckless, wilful or wanton misconduct.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which provides immunity from liability, does not result in a fiscal impact, as it affects private individuals.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5519*****AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT INTERNSHIPS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes agricultural science and technology center internship providers immune from civil liability for student interns' personal injuries, unless the injuries are caused by providers' gross, reckless, willful, or wanton misconduct.

The bill applies to internship providers that:

1. are individuals, sole proprietorships, trusts, corporations, limited liability companies, unions, associations, firms, partnerships, committees, clubs, or other organizations or groups and
2. contract with a local or regional board of education that operates an agricultural science and technology education center in order to provide internships.

Under the bill, an internship is the supervised practical training of a student intern that includes education and labor department-approved curriculum and workplace standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND***Regional Agricultural Science and Technology Education Centers***

By law, local and regional boards of education may enter into agreements to create regional agricultural science and technology education centers. These centers prepare students for careers in environmental and agricultural science fields.

One local or regional board operates each center and is advised by a consulting committee comprised of two representatives from each board that is part of the agreement. The committee has no legal authority over the center (CGS § 10-64).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/21/2014)